

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An endoscope pretest capsule, ~~wherein~~ it which is formed to be brought into the body before applying a capsule-type endoscope comprising:

a shape, size and weight which is the same as the capsule-type endoscope, ~~have~~ which has a shape for grasping examining a state of passage of the capsule-type endoscope inside the body and ~~dissolve~~ which dissolves in the case ~~of remaining~~ where it remains in the body for a predetermined time or longer.

2. (original) The endoscope pretest capsule according to claim 1, wherein it is constituted by an enteric material.

3. (original) The endoscope pretest capsule according to claim 2, wherein it is constituted by providing an enteric coat on a surface of a capsule body made of a material dissoluble in the body.

4. (original) The endoscope pretest capsule according to claim 1, wherein it is comprised of a plurality of types constituted so

that dissolution time in the body is different.

5. (original) The endoscope pretest capsule according to claim 1, wherein it includes a radiopaque substance.

6. (original) The endoscope pretest capsule according to claim 5, wherein the radiopaque substance is put in a fluid-insoluble microcapsule and the microcapsule is placed inside a capsule body made of a material dissoluble in the body.

7. (new) An endoscope pretest capsule according to claim 1, wherein the dissolution time is determined to provide an internal residence time of one to seven days.

8. (new) The method of using endoscope pretest capsule, comprising the steps of:

(a) bringing into a body a pretest capsule which has the same shape, size and weight as a capsule-type endoscope;

(b) constituting the capsule with an enteric material which dissolves when it remains in the body for a predetermined time or longer;

(c) checking the state of the passage of the pretest capsule and checking the discharge out of the body of the pretest capsule;

(d) bringing into the body a capsule-type endoscope which

has an imaging device for obtaining an imaging signal by imaging an observation body; and

(e) sending the imaging signal to an external device outside the body.

9. (new) The method of using an endoscope pretest capsule according to claim 8, wherein said step of checking the state of the passage of the pretest capsule is executed with a fluoroscope.